

TWO ARRESTED IN NARCOTICS RAID

Two men were arrested on suspicion of possessing narcotics and armed robbery by sheriff's officers Tuesday night.

In county jail are Roy Jennings, 33, of 4401 Emerald st., Torrance, and Virgil O. Sheeley, 32, of 7071 Olive, Long Beach.

Undercover agents first purchased a can of mari-

juana at Jennings' home, returning later to arrest him and Sheeley, as well as search the house, according to Capt. Kenneth Irving, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Narcotics division.

Sheriff's officers found four paper bags containing a total of \$50 worth of marijuana and two bottles believed to contain 105 benzadrine tablets and 400

barbituates, the report indicated.

Jennings also admitted being a user, police said. Neither of the two suspects made any attempt to evade arrest.

They reportedly acted "pretty normal" when officers barged in, "more or less expecting" the arrest. Jennings is married while Heeley indicated he

was living with his mother. Jennings' wife acted "surprised."

Sheeley gave his occupation as machinist while Jennings stated he was a truck driver.

The men are also held in connection with a robbery as possible suspects resembling those described by the victim.



QUEEN BEGINS HER REIGN

Miss Torrance, Sharon Starns, begins her reign as Gaye Wilson, Miss Torrance of 1956, places the crown upon her head. The princesses, left to right, are Margie Thompson, 23, Marti Fowler, 18, Vera Roberson, 20, and Sharon Smith, 15. The new queen was crowned at the rodeo dance on Saturday night.—Press Photo

Sharon Starns Wins Miss Torrance Title

By GLADYS MAXWELL

Sharon Starns, 18, the new Miss Torrance, although a modest young lady, is no newcomer as far as beauty contests are concerned.

She was princess of the South Bay beauty pageant and was queen of the Lucky Seven Air Race, sponsored by the South Bay Exchange club. Both events were held earlier this year.

Miss Torrance whose measurements are 37-22-36, is a photographers model, and has had various modeling assignments. She is taking a drama course at El Camino, and plans to be a television advertising model.

She has no plans to enter other beauty contests. "I find them too nerve-wracking, and have no desire to compete in

another one," she said. When asked how she felt about winning, she said, "I was just numb, I had to be led onto the stage," she smiled and added, "I just knew that I couldn't win, I had picked two other girls as possible winners."

Sharon's favorite foods are baked potatoes, with sour cream and chives. Her hobbies are cooking and dancing. "I could dance all night, every night," she said.

The amber eyed, brunet who lives with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. E. E. Starns, 216 Via Los Altos, Hollywood Riviera, works for her father in the Wardlow Hardware store in Long Beach.

Miss Torrance, who competed with 18 other girls for her title was crowned at the rodeo dance on Saturday night. Her four princesses were Margie Thompson, 23, Marti Fowler, 18, Vera Roberson, 20, and Sharon Smith, 15.

Born April 24, 1939, in Los Angeles, Sharon traveled all over the United States and parts of Canada and Mexico with her parents.

They returned to California a few years ago and Sharon attended Torrance High school for four years and was graduated last June.

Sciarrotta's Teacher-Caravan Makes Congressional Record, Visits Ex-President Truman

Ross Sciarrotta and his teacher-caravan touring the country's political and historical landmarks made the Congressional Record this summer and interviewed former President Harry S. Truman.

Sciarrotta, who lives at 21017 Madrona, has been organizing and directing these trips for five years now.

"Visiting us here today is a group of elementary and high school teachers, as well as a few future teachers, from Southern California who are on a 10,000-mile tour of the United States as part of their study for credits at the Long Beach State college, Long Beach, California," Congressman Craig Hosmer read into the Congressional Record, when the group visited the House of Representatives in June.

Meaningful and Interesting "One aim of this tour, which is called a field trip in United States history and government, is to acquaint our California teachers with the most important historical places in our country so that they may go back to the classrooms and make the teaching of history more interesting and more meaningful.

"It is also the aim of the Long Beach State college through this tour to acquaint our California teachers with the work that goes on in our American political institutions.

"They go behind the scenes of our Federal, State, and city governments and meet with important government officials in order to learn from these officials about the organization and



HISTORIC TOUR

Sciarrotta (front row, right) and caravan in Washington, D.C.

New Issue Flares in Lomita

Charges including misrepresentation were hurled this week by Lomita's anti-city forces at pro-incorporationists in a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors.

The letter, submitted by L. E. Ross' Lomita Civic League, charges that one individual signed the incorporation petition as president of a firm owning land valued in excess of \$19,000.

The letter claims that the individual is not now and never has been president of the organization and had no authority to list this land on any petition.

When contacted for comment, the individual involved declared, "I'd bet my last dollar that no such signature and petition were turned in. The matter was brought to my attention yesterday. I never was president of this corporation. I can only figure out that the papers became tangled up with our own papers and were signed without knowing that they were signed. This is definitely a mix-up. We do own half of the property in question but neither I nor my secretary are president or secretary of the corporation. The next problem is how to correct this mistake. It does not mean anything as far as incorporation is concerned—there are enough signatures on the petition."

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Dope Case Hearing August 9

Two local men arrested in a \$5000 dope raid July 18 were bound over to Long Beach Superior Court for a hearing August 9.

Charged with possession of narcotics are Robert Lemaster, 726 Portola, Torrance and Thomas J. Britt, 23841 Eshelman ave., Lomita. Both men pleaded innocent.

Torrance police and sheriff's narcotics squad officers had to kick in the front doors of both homes during the raid when refused admission.

Results by The Dozen

At least 62 people called. That's what Mrs. Albert Moreta of 1204 Cranbrook ave. said in regards to the following ad which ran in the Torrance Press classified section:

1-BEDROOM HOUSE with garage. \$40. Couple or single person. 231st St. FA. 8-5300

Of course Mrs. Moreta had no trouble renting the house. For quick, effective action the inexpensive way, call FA 8-2345 and place your ad. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30 with a 30-cent discount if paid at the time the ad is placed.

Dog Owners Found Guilty

All but two dog owners charged with failing to provide their dogs with a license were found guilty and given sentences including two years probation and a \$50 suspended fine on condition that dogs will be licensed, according to City Prosecutor Bob Pannell.



SOUTH HIGH LIES IDLE

Although the brick work and roofing will be finished at South High school, other vital work has been halted until the end of the plumbers, sheet-metal workers and hod carriers strike, now in its 32nd day.—Press Photo

Commercial Development Told Here

Intention to develop the north east corner of Torrance blvd. and Hawthorne ave. commercially and residentially was expressed this week by Ray Watt, of Ray Watt Construction co.

Watt indicated that tentative plans call for a restaurant, auto agency, and stores, with apartments in back.

The site involves 19 acres to be divided about equally between commercial and residential development.

OLD CITY HALL MAY BE USED FOR COURT

The old city hall at Cravens and El Prado may be turned into temporary court headquarters, City Manager George Stevens revealed yesterday.

The move was suggested by Supervisor Burton W. Chace and South Bay court officials.

Plans for the construction of a new court on the new civic center are continuing as scheduled. The temporary headquarters, however, will permit the local judge, to be appointed some time in August, to set up court locally.

Stevens said the public parking lot adjoining the

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Man Booked On Robbery

Earl Crockett Osborne, 19, of 16930 Harvard blvd., Gardena, was arrested Friday on four charges of robbery, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police department. Osborne admits the hold-up of two liquor stores and one service station in Gardena, one liquor store in Lennox, and Walt's Liquor store, 16602 Crenshaw, Torrance, according to Ashton.

Supervisor's Aide on Spot Over Letter

Mayor Albert Isen, wrapping a letter purportedly sanctioned by Los Angeles County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, has asked the supervisor to explain the letter signed by his deputy, Richard Newton.

The letter, termed trifling and stupid, was written in response to a resolution passed by the Torrance City Council asking the county to eliminate the "Lakewood plan."

This plan permits county services to be incorporated cities on a contract-basis. The Torrance City Council contended that such cities are given very low rates, with the rest of the county's tax payers making up the difference.

Chace's deputy, Richard Newton, chose to interpret Torrance's resolution as a termination of all regular contracts with the county and the city of Torrance.

Mayor Isen stated that Chace, when told of the letter, said that he was "uninformed" regarding the whole matter.

Strike In 2nd Month

LATE BULLETIN: The hod carriers strike was reported settled yesterday but negotiations are still going on regarding plumbers and sheet metal workers. However the hod carrier settlement won't mean anything as far as local school construction is concerned. "We can't plaster walls until they're up," Sam Waldrip, school official, commented.

Every day the strike continues, South High school's opening is delayed two days.

So stated Sam Waldrip, assistant superintendent, business, who estimates that South High, originally slated to open in September, will be open around November or December.

The plumbers, sheet-metal workers, and hod-carriers strike, now in its thirty-second day, has delayed the school's opening by 64 days, Waldrip figured. In the meantime, plans are being made to accommodate South High school students in temporary quarters.

Classrooms Available Thirteen classrooms and the school auditorium at Torrance Elementary school, as well as seven Torrance high school classrooms will be used on a full-time basis, according to Al Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services.

The foods, clothing, crafts and industrial arts rooms at Torrance high and the Torrance high auditorium stage will be

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Local School Teacher Relative of Mark Twain

"I know what it is to live in the shadow of a person who is great. It must be horrible, though, for children whose parents are great."

So stated Mrs. John King of 17717 Falda ave., whose maiden name was Elaine Ruth Clemens. She is the great grand niece of Samuel Langhorne Clemens-Mark Twain.

Mrs. King's remarks referred to her childhood at which time she was constantly asked about the relationship, thus "living in the shadow" of the great humorist.

Now, however, she's quite proud of the relationship, and so are her children.

Mrs. King tells the story of how Mark Twain came close to death once, being saved by a quirk of fate.

Ship Explodes

A relative on her father's side, Capt. F. Daugherty of the Magnolia river boat, tried to persuade Mark Twain to leave the Mississippi river boats and join the Magnolia traveling the Ohio River.

The youth was tempted but changed his mind at the last moment.

The Magnolia, which would have carried Twain, exploded and went down in flames.

This, and a number of other little known facts, were handed down to Mrs. King by her mother.

The "secret" of her relationship to Twain leaked when Mrs. King tried to explain the word "descendant" to her Torrance Elementary school pupils.

In doing this, she explained that her great grandfather was Mark Twain's brother.

Mrs. King, who is the mother of three children—Allen, 14, Marvin, 12, and Beverly, 8—says she has read all of Twain's works and that her children have read quite a number of them.

Favorite Book "My favorite is 'Innocents' (Turn to Page 14)



CLOSE FANS OF MARK TWAIN

Mrs. John King, related to Mark Twain, is an avid reader of the noted humorist's writings, as are her children, Allen, 14 (standing), Marvin, 12, and Beverly, 8.—Press Photo